

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0384H.02I
Bill No.: HB 572
Subject: Health, Public; Counties; County Officials; County Government
Type: Original
Date: January 20, 2021

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to the powers of local health authorities.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services** assume there will be an unknown cost due to an increase in COVID-19 cases requiring disease investigation and contact tracing. It is impossible to estimate how many additional COVID-19 cases there will be because it is unknown which public health orders the county commission or governing body will or won't approve. In addition, waiting for such approval will increase the number of cases. Finally, this will also result in future costs due to public health agencies not being able to pass public ordinances, rules, regulations or orders without the approval of the county commission. The inability to take quick action will potentially result in increased disease.

Officials at **Johnson County** assume a cost of up to \$2,000 per year to publish the adopted orders, ordinances, rules and regulations in a newspaper for 3 successive weeks.

Officials at the **City of Springfield** anticipate a negative fiscal impact of an unknown amount due to: (1) increased administrative costs due to additional approvals for Health Department rules and orders, and (2) deterioration of public health and increased need for response resulting in additional costs if rules and orders cannot be quickly put into place.

Oversight notes it is currently the responsibility of local public health agencies (LPHAs) to conduct disease investigation and contact tracing regardless of whether a statewide emergency has been proclaimed by the governor. Oversight assumes that any potential costs that may be incurred as a result of this proposal would be indirect costs. Therefore, Oversight will present no fiscal impact for provisions of this proposal.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services** and the **Department of Public Safety's Office of the Director** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

Officials from the cities of **Kansas City, O'Fallon and Tipton**, and the boards of election commissioners of **Jackson County, Kansas City, Platte County and St. Louis County**, and the **Newton County Health Department** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other cities, local election authorities, counties and county health departments were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2022 (10 Mo.)	FY 2023	FY 2024
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2022 (10 Mo.)	FY 2023	FY 2024
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services

Johnson County

City of Springfield

Department of Health and Senior Services

Department of Public Safety - Office of the Director

Kansas City

City of O'Fallon

City of Tipton

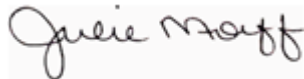
Jackson County Board of Elections

Kansas City Board of Elections

Platte County Board of Elections

St. Louis County Board of Elections

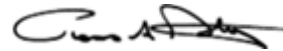
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